

HOUSE BILL 3541

By Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 49-7-147. The Tennessee board of regents and the university of Tennessee board of trustees, in consultation with the Tennessee higher education commission, shall develop uniform guidelines to provide academic credit for service in state government employment to individuals seeking a master's degree in accounting, political science, public administration and other related programs. Credit shall be awarded to eligible individuals whose state government employment was for a period of not less than twenty-five (25) years and included service in any one (1) or more of the following positions during such period: secretary of state; comptroller of the treasury; treasurer; member of the governor's cabinet; or, cabinet level staff. In developing guidelines, consideration shall be given to professional publications and presentations given by an individual in the individual's official capacity while a state government employee. A maximum of sixteen (16) credit hours may be awarded for such service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.